

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2023**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vince Jones-Dixon (Chair)
Alex Howard
Gordon Hovies
Kim Harless
Brett Sherman
Gerritt Rosenthal
Sherry French
Nadia Hasan
Mark Shull
Duncan Hwang
Kirstin Greene
Tim Rosener
Pam Treece
Ed Gronke
Denyse McGriff
Joe Buck
Mary Nolan
Omar Qutub
Terri Preeg Riggsby
Thomas Kim
Steve Callaway

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County
Port of Portland
Special Districts in Washington County
City of Vancouver
City of Happy Valley, Other Cities in Clackamas County
Metro Council
Special Districts in Clackamas County
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County
Clackamas County
Metro Council
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Other Cities in Washington County
Washington County
Citizen of Clackamas County
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County
Metro Council
Citizen of Multnomah County
Special Districts in Multnomah County
TriMet
Largest City in Washington County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Carmen Rubio
Sharon Meieran
Ted Wheeler
Glen Yung
Brian Cooper
Brian Hodson
James Fage
Susan Greenberg
Luis Nava

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Multnomah County
City of Portland
Clark County
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB
Beaverton School Board, Governing Body of a School District
Citizen of Washington County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Amira Streeter
Anthony Martin
Rebecca Stavenjord
Laura Kelly

AFFILIATION

Citizen of Multnomah County
Largest City in Washington County
Other Cities in Clackamas County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and
Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Aaron Kuehn, Dan Rutzick, Jamie Stasny, Katherine Kelly, Jonathan Wheeler, Peter Swinton, Sandy Glantz, Jean Senechal Biggs, Stephen Roberts, Jessica Pelz, Alyssa Wheeler, Leah Fisher, Sarah Paulus

STAFF: Connor Ayers, Jeff Kain, Catherine Ciarlo, Roger Alfred, Eryn Kehe, Kim Ellis, Lake McTighe, Ally Holmqvist, Laura Combs, Ted Reid, Anne Buzzini, Jaye Cromwell, Malu Wilkinson

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS

MPAC Chair Vince Jones-Dixon called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Metro staff Connor Ayers (he/him) called the role.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Jones-Dixon read aloud the instructions for providing public testimony.

Aaron Kuehn provided testimony regarding the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

Metro Councilor Rosenthal announced that the Metro Council approved the purchase of a new RID Patrol site, expanding garbage and debris pick up capacity. He then discussed updates to the Waste Prevention and Environmental Services (WPES) Solid Waste Facilities plan.

Councilor Rosenthal then provided updates on Metro's Parks and Nature department, mentioning the Community Choice Grants and the Nature in Neighborhoods Community Grants.

The Councilor then commented on the Urban Growth Boundary decision process.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Jones-Dixon noted that the October MPAC meeting will be held in-person at the Metro Regional Center.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Vice President Gordon Hovies reminded committee members that parking passes are available for the Metro Regional Center.

City of Beaverton Councilor Nadia Hasan announced that the City of Beaverton are introducing a transportation ambassador system to improve engagement efforts.

Metro Councilor Duncan Hwang noted that Metro's committee on racial equity is recruiting three new members. He then commented that Metro is recognizing September 30th as a National Day of Remembrance for Indian boarding schools.

Councilor Rosenthal remarked that the Metro Council proclaimed September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of the July 26, 2023 MPAC Minutes

Chair Jones-Dixon called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION: City of Oregon City Mayor Denyse McGriff moved to approve the consent agenda. City of Sherwood Mayor Tim Rosener seconded.

ACTION: With all in favor, the consent agenda was approved.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Urban Growth Management Engagement Update

Chair Jones-Dixon introduced Metro staff Eryn Kehe (she/her) and Laura Combs (she/her).

Key elements of the presentation and member discussion included:

Kehe began the presentation by providing context on the UGM decision, explaining the decision-making framework and the timeline on the process. She then remarked on the engagement plan, highlighting the efforts that will be undertaken to engage stakeholders, jurisdictions, and the public in this issue. Particular attention was given to the stakeholder roundtable, a new group being developed to help facilitate conversations regarding the UGM. Combs explained the role that the youth cohort will play in Metro's engagement efforts.

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Deputy Director Kirstin Greene questioned if the Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) would also be able to advise MPAC.

Mayor McGriff remarked that she would be interested in MPAC hearing directly from the youth cohort group.

Washington County Commissioner Pam Treece suggested that the group visit the Cooper Mountain area as it has middle housing and apartments that are market rate and affordable.

City of Hillsboro Councilor Anthony Martin asked how many members on the stakeholder roundtable are residential, commercial, or industrial developers.

Kehe mentioned that there are representatives on the roundtable from each category of developer.

Councilor Martin then questioned if Metro will create the opportunity for cross-group sharing on this subject.

Kehe overviewed the decision-making framework, detailing the specific roles and relationships between each advisory group.

Mayor Rosener questioned how the kids composing the youth cohort group were selected.

Kehe stated that they worked with Next Up, a community-partner whose organization works with kids, to recruit the members of the group.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Jones-Dixon moved onto the next agenda item.

6.2 2023 Regional Transportation Plan: Overview of Public Comment, Key Topics to Address and Next Steps for Finalizing the 2023 RTP and High Capacity Transit Strategy for Adoption

Chair Jones-Dixon introduced Metro staff Catherine Ciarlo (she/her) and Kim Ellis (she/her).

Key elements of the presentation and member discussion included:

Ciarlo thanked committee members and staff for their consistent engagement and work towards developing and refining the RTP.

Ellis's presentation provided updates on the timeline and decision process of the RTP, overviewed the mayor themes from the public comment period, and previewed the process for recommendations on key policy topics. She stated that the key takeaways from the public comment period were demand for more investment in transit, walking, and biking, a greater emphasis on the safety and climate goals, project-specific feedback, and installing strong accountability measures to ensure proper project implementation.

Mayor Rosener spoke to the importance of framing the RTP as more than just a method of attaining federal funding, but an encompassing plan to guide the region's future transportation system.

City of Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway expressed his desire for the Metro Council to request that the State undertakes a larger role in funding local transportation projects.

City of Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck shared Mayor Callaway's ideas regarding a State led funding strategy to create a more encompassing and coordinated transportation system.

Ciarlo recognized these concerns and noted that staff will be incorporating transportation funding and incorporation into future committee meetings.

Mayor Rosener highlighted that the cities, counties, Metro Council, and committees being aligned in desiring a stronger funding solution could present an opportunity for change at the State level.

Ellis returned to the presentation, discussing mobility policy implementation.

Mayor Rosener expressed concerns that Washington County is significantly underrepresented in the RTP's public comments.

Ciarlo validated the mayor's concerns. Ellis provided more information on the public comment period collection process.

Mayor Rosener suggested that a more scientific phone survey system could be utilized in the next RTP to avoid this issue.

City of Happy Valley Councilor Brett Sherman commented that he would like to ensure that letters from cities included in the public comment period are weighed heavily as they represent the desires of thousands of people. He highlighted transit safety and frequency as top priorities.

Mayor Callaway asked why there is two measures of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in the mobility policy accounting.

Ellis explained the discrepancy in VMT metrics.

Chair Jones-Dixon read aloud comments from Director Terri Preeg-Riggsby left in the zoom chat, in which she advocated for stronger accessibility systems for transit for disabled riders.

Mayor Buck questioned if the financial plans for biking and pedestrian projects will come from local jurisdictions.

Ciarlo clarified that the RTP is simply a project list and does not provide a comprehensive funding plan for each project.

Ciarlo provided a brief overview of ODOT's tolling plan and explained how this plan will be incorporated into the RTP.

Councilor Sherman questioned the impact of low-income tolling program on the total revenue generated. He then asked how VMT could also be used as a future funding source.

Ciarlo affirmed that the impact of the low-income tolling program is being considered by ODOT in the implementation of the plan.

Mayor Buck stated that if the Regional Mobility Pricing Plan (RMPP) is a key component of meeting the region's climate goals then it should be applied to all of the interstates in the region.

Ciarlo remarked that this feedback should be provided to ODOT.

ADJOURN

Chair Jones-Dixon adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Kain". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey Kain
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
5.1	Presentation	09/27/2023	MPAC UGM Engagement Update	092723m-01
5.2	Presentation	09/27/2023	RTP Update MPAC Powerpoint	092723m-02